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CELEBRATE UP –TO- DATE IMMUNIZATIONS! National Infant Immunization Week and Toddler Immunization Month Focus on Immunization Success

Up-to-date? Celebrate! The theme for National Infant Immunization Week April 21 – 28, 2007, and for Toddler Immunization Month in May, highlights childhood vaccinations. Throughout San Bernardino County, communities will host events to raise awareness about the importance of childhood immunizations. Children need to complete the full immunization series by two years of age in order to be fully protected against 14 vaccine-preventable diseases.

Immunizations are among the most successful and cost-effective public health tools to prevent disease and death. A complete immunization series protects children, families and communities. Parents, babysitters, older siblings and even grandparents need to be up-to-date with their vaccinations. High immunization coverage means a community is better protected against diseases such as pertussis (whooping cough), rotavirus and measles. A new vaccine for pertussis in adolescents and an oral rotavirus vaccine for babies are now available.

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Parents are encouraged to take their child's immunization record to their doctor or clinic to ensure their children are up-to-date and on schedule. With the efforts of parents and health care providers, we can continue to reduce the number of vaccine-preventable diseases in California.

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health Immunization Program operates a computerized immunization registry, VaxTrack. If a parent loses a child's immunization record there is a good chance that the registry has the missing information. This prevents unneeded immunizations and saves parents the time and cost of re-immunization.

The Immunization Program sponsors immunization clinics throughout the county. Parents can make sure their children are up-to-date with their immunizations by going to the county clinics or by calling (800) 722-4794. Cost is \$15.00 per child. However, no child is turned away. Parents get your children immunized, on time, every time! Now is the time to get your child up-to-date with all their immunizations!